

an indexing engine for periodically indexing the metadata and the link information; a search engine for applying a search query to the metadata indexed by the indexing engine, to generate a preliminary result set containing selected abstracts; and wherein the search engine inquires if the link repository contains new link information about the preliminary result set, and updates the selected abstracts based on the new link information, if any, to generate the dynamic search abstracts.

2. (Unchanged) The system according to claim 1, further including a query transformer, which, when prompted by the search query, applies a query request to the metadata and the link information indexed by the indexing engine.

3. (Unchanged) The system according to claim 1, further including a search results transformer that transforms the dynamic search abstracts into a user browsable form.

4. (Unchanged) The system according to claim 1, wherein the link repository stores persistent link information and maintains a crawl history.

5. (Unchanged) The system according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the selected abstracts includes information gathered from a source other than a candidate page associated with the selected abstract.

6. (Unchanged) A computer program product for automatically generating dynamic search abstracts, comprising:

a crawler for crawling documents and acquiring metadata and link information from the documents;

a metadata repository for storing the metadata acquired by the crawler;

a link repository for storing link information acquired by the crawler;

an abstract engine for generating abstracts of the documents from the metadata;

an indexing engine for periodically indexing the metadata and the link information;

a search engine for applying a search query to the metadata indexed by the indexing engine, to generate a preliminary result set containing selected abstracts; and

wherein the search engine inquires if the link repository contains new link information about the preliminary result set, and updates the selected abstracts based on the new link information, if any, to generate the dynamic search abstracts.

7. (Unchanged) The computer program product according to claim 6, further including a query transformer, which, when prompted by the search query, applies a query request to the metadata and the link information indexed by the indexing engine.

8. (Unchanged) The computer program product according to claim 6, further including a search results transformer that transforms the dynamic search abstracts into a user browsable form.

9. (Unchanged) The computer program product according to claim 6, wherein the link repository stores persistent link information and maintains a crawl history.

10. (Unchanged) The computer program product according to claim 6, wherein at least one of the selected abstracts includes information gathered from a source other than a candidate page associated with the selected abstract.

Please amend claim 11, as follows:

11. (Once amended) A method for automatically generating dynamic search abstracts, comprising:

crawling documents and acquiring metadata and link information from the documents;

storing the metadata acquired by the crawler in a metadata repository ;

storing link information acquired by the crawler in a link repository;

generating abstracts of the documents from the metadata;  
periodically indexing the metadata and the link information;  
applying a search query to the metadata to generate a preliminary result set  
containing selected abstracts; and  
inquiring if the link repository contains new link information about the preliminary  
result set, and updating the selected abstracts based on the new link information, if any,  
to generate the dynamic search abstracts.

12. (Unchanged) The method according to claim 11, wherein updating a selected  
abstract includes gathering information from a source other than a candidate site  
associated with the selected abstract.

13. (Unchanged) The method according to claim 11, wherein if the link repository  
does not contain new link information, presenting abstracts previously stored in the link  
repository.

14. (Unchanged) The method according to claim 11, further including applying a  
query request to the metadata and the link information indexed by the indexing engine.

15. (Unchanged) The method according to claim 11, further including transforming  
the dynamic search abstracts into a user browsable form.

16. (Unchanged) The method according to claim 11, further including storing  
persistent link information and maintaining a crawl history in the link repository.

Please add new claims 17 - 22, as follows:

--17. (New) A computer program product having instruction codes for automatically generating dynamic search abstracts, comprising:

    a first set of instruction codes that acquire documents and metadata and link information from the documents;

    a metadata repository that store the metadata;

    a link repository that store the link information;

    a second set of instruction codes that generate abstracts of the documents from the metadata;

    a third set of instruction codes that periodically index the metadata and the link information;

    a fourth set of instruction codes that apply a search query to the metadata, to generate a preliminary result set containing selected abstracts; and

    a fifth set of instruction codes that inquire if the link repository contains new link information about the preliminary result set, and that update the selected abstracts based on the new link information, if any, to generate the dynamic search abstracts.

18. (New) The computer program product according to claim 17, wherein updating a selected abstract includes gathering information from a source other than a candidate site associated with the selected abstract.

19. (New) The computer program product according to claim 17, wherein if the link repository does not contain new link information, presenting abstracts previously stored in the link repository.

20. (New) The computer program product according to claim 17, further including applying a query request to the metadata and the link information indexed by the indexing engine.

21. (New) The computer program product according to claim 17, further including transforming the dynamic search abstracts into a user browsable form.

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22. (New) The computer program product according to claim 17, further including storing persistent link information and maintaining a crawl history in the link repository.--

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